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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte WILLIAM RUSSELL BELKNAP  
and STEVEN VICTOR KAUFFMAN

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Application No. 09/986,248  
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Before GLORIA HENDERSON, *Review Team Paralegal*  
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This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 10, 2009. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An examination of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) reveals that an ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER was mailed January 30, 2009, which requested correction for the Appeal Brief/Grounds of Rejection, Examiner's Answer/Grounds of Rejection and consideration of the Reply Brief. The file was electronically returned to the BPAI in which the examiner only responded to the Reply Brief. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

APPEAL BRIEF/GROUNDS OF REJECTION

On July 2, 2008, appellants filed an Appeal Brief. A review of the file reveals that under the Argument Section, states that Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-15, 18-23, 25-29 and 34-36 are listed as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)....., which is not consistent as amended in the Amendment filed February 7, 2008. An Advisory Action filed by the examiner on April 29, 2008, states that the amendments would be entered. The amendment filed February 7, 2008 canceled claim 6. Appropriate correction is required, for clarification of the record,

A Supplemental Appeal Brief is required for the claims appendix.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER/GROUNDS OF REJECTION

Also, the Examiner's Answer mailed October 6, 2008 is defective, since it states under the Grounds of Rejection that Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-15, 18-23, 25-29

and 34-36 as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)..... The amendment filed February 7, 2008 canceled claim 6. Appropriate correction is required, for clarification of the record,

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner:

1) 1) to hold the Appeal Brief filed July 2, 2008, defective;

2) notify appellants to file a Supplemental Appeal Brief with the correct information for the claims under the Argument section of the Appeal Brief;

3) consider the Supplemental Appeal Brief and if the Supplemental Appeal Brief is in compliance, issue and mail a Form PTOL-90 acknowledging receipt and consideration of the Supplement Brief;

4) vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed October 6, 2008, and mail a supplemental Examiner's Answer with the correct information for the claims under the Grounds of Rejection; and

5) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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